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ABSTRACT

5 An apparatus for cutting sheet metal pieces from a sheet
metal coil comprises a coil support adapted to support the
sheet metal coil such that same may rotate about the coil
axis to unroll an end portion of the sheet metal coil and a
sheet support adapted to support the end portion for
cutting. A cutting head is mounted above the end portion
and is operative to cut through the end portion. A cutting
10 head drive is operative to move the cutting head back and
forth along a first path parallel to the coil axis and a
sheet metal drive is operative to move the end portion
forward and rearward along a second path perpendicular to
the coil axis. A computer is operative to control and
15 coordinate the sheet metal drive and the cutting head drive
such that the pieces are cut from the end portion.